

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION

A Resolution entitled, "U.S. Energy Services Inc. (Thunder Butte Refinery) – Evaluation for procurement of natural gas and electricity"

- WHEREAS, The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation ("MHA Nation" or "Tribes") having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 ("IRA"), and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-Laws pursuant to said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution of the MHA Nation generally authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution of the MHA Nation provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(1) of the Constitution of the MHA Nation provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Tribal Business Council; and
- WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(c) of the Constitution of the MHA Nation specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the Tribes and to make expenditures from available Tribal funds for public purposes for the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, Thunder Butte Petroleum Services, Inc. (TBPS) needs to secure gas and electricity to the Clean Fuels Refinery ("Refinery") Project Site (the "Site"); and
- WHEREAS, TBPS is in negotiation with U.S. Energy Services, Inc. (US Energy) for consulting services related to the procurement of natural gas and electricity for the Site; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council finds it in the best interest of the Refinery to secure the services of US Energy for evaluating the most reliable and economic structure for sourcing natural gas and electricity to the Site.
- **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Tribal Business Council hereby approves TBPS entering into a contract, in a form similar to the attached, subject to any negotiated changes.



BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED, the Tribal Business Council hereby authorizes and appropriates Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of paying for services rendered under the US Energy Contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Chairman is hereby authorized to execute the Contract with U.S. Energy Services pursuant to this Resolution.

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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 10th day of October, 2013, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [X] Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 10th day of October , 2013.

Executive Secretary V. Judy Brugh

Tribal Business Council

Three Affiliated Tribes

ATTEST

Chairman, Tex G. Hall

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